

CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN
Committee #3
Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic
Thursday, July 10, 2008 - 6:30 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 W. Central St.

Those present: Mike Sedlacek, Walter Knorn, Jeff Bowe, Greg Bowe, Barbra Davis, Chuck Hull, Anita D. Solberg, Dwayne Lambert, Karen L. Anderson, Jean Durch, Mary Holle, Jenny Lenbom, Dr. Thomas Chisholm, Fire Chief Larson, City Administrator Singel, Aldermen Doughty, Hoekstra, Flynn and Covill.

1. Discuss Eagle Point automatic mutual aid request with possible recommendations to the Council.

Chief Larson gave us an overview and several options to consider in the request for automatic mutual aid of our emergency services to a portion of Eagle Point. Eagle Point Fire Chief Jeff Bowe and Eagle Point Chairman Mike Sedlacek expressed the want of the town board to explore the possibilities. A motion was made by Covill/Flynn to continue discussion with the Township of Eagle Point in regard to automatic mutual aid. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Bowe and Mr. Sedlacek left at 6:56 PM

2. Discuss public and private indoor air quality issues within the City of Chippewa Falls with possible recommendations to the Council.

Mr. Covill expressed his opinion that this controversy is best left to the regulatory agencies that the taxpayers spend millions of dollars on. And feels that it's not our (the councils) job to rule on one groups freedoms at the request of others.

Mr. Hoekstra inquired as to what we were looking for in regard to this agenda item. Mr. Covill responded that I was hoping for discussion as to the direction of the issue.

Motion made by Mr. Hoekstra to ban all smoking in the workplace in the City of Chippewa Falls. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Flynn asked if we were looking to expand into indoor air quality beyond tobacco? Mr. Covill responded that tobacco is only one part of what OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) considers in regard to indoor air quality.

Mr. Covill made a motion to abide by the standards set forth by OSHA. He then withdrew the motion after being corrected as to it's redundancy by Mr. Hoekstra.

As to air quality Mr. Hoekstra stated that we are not environmental engineers. Mr. Covill stated that is why OSHA is relevant and has unlimited resources to establish safety standards.

The floor was open to the public.

Mary Holle, Dr. Chisholm, Barb Davis, Jenny Lenbom, spoke in favor of a smoking ban.

Dwayne Lambert, Karen Anderson spoke against.

Mr. Doughty left at 7:32

Mr. Flynn and Mr. Hoekstra expressed their desire to expand these discussions.

Mr. Covill made a motion, that establishments that have employees and/or welcome in the public must post at all entrances that they do allow smoking. Motion died for lack of second.

3. Adjournment

Motion by Hoekstra/Flynn, all present voting aye, to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by,
Jack Covill, Chairman